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PATENT APPLICATION

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1733

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Shimura KAZUHIRO

Application No.: 09/923,949

Filed: August 8, 2001

For: PNEUMATIC TIRE AND MEASURING METHOD OF TREAD WEAR
AMOUNT OF THE SAME

Attorney Docket No.: OGW-0040

Examiner: S. Maki

Art Unit: 1733

Confirmation No.: 2066

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 6, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 4 and 6 are amended and claim 19 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(There are no amendments to the specification)

DO NOT ENTER

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